



PATENT APPLICATION

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TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Specification with the Substitute Specification enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 10, 11, 16-18.

Please amend Claim 12 as indicated on the attached marked-up page. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, a replacement page with the amended claim presented in clean form is attached to this paper.

REMARKS

In order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, Claim 12 has been amended to state that the surface treatment chemicals comprise a polymerization reaction product